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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Ketil PETTERSEN et al. : Attn: BOX PCT
Serial No. NEW : Docket No. 2001_1848A
Filed December 31, 2001 :

CORROSION RESISTANT Mg BASED
ALLOY CONTAINING Al, Si, Mn and
RE METALS
[Corresponding to PCT/NO99/00324
Filed October 25, 1999]

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title of the invention, please insert:

This application is a 371 application of PCT/NO99/00324 filed October 25, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel, without prejudice to the subject matter involved, claims 1-9.

Please add new claims 10-17 as follows:

10. (New) A magnesium based alloy with improved corrosion resistance, containing 1.5-5 weight % Al, 0.6-1.4 weight % Si, 0.01-0.6 weight % Mn, 0.01-0.4 weight % RE, up to 0.5 weight % Zn, the balance being Mg and impurities.